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BUILDING THE PEACE. . . . The informational aids on world organization proposals referred to in the March 24 Calendar are now being distributed. These materials will not include the series of radio broadcasts on foreign policy by State Department officials but copies can be obtained by writing to that Department, Washington, D. C. Ask for Department of State publications 2288 to 2293. The one of most significance to agriculture is No. 2289, "World Trade and World Peace." Radio listening related to Building the Peace scheduled by the various networks for the week beginning April 17 is as follows:

Date	Time and Network (EWT)	Program	Title
April 17	9:15 p.m.,Mutual	American Forum	United Nations Voting Procedure
April 20	9:15 a.m.EWT-CBS 1:30 p.m.PWT-CBS	American School of the Air	Is World Organization Possible
April 21	9:30 a.m., CBS	Farm Journal	Farmer's Stake in World Peace
April 21	1:30 p.m., CBS	Problems of the Peace	(Subj. to be announced)
April 21	6:15 p.m., CBS	People's Platform	Commentators Round Table
April 21	7:00 p.m., NBC	The University of the Air--	Organizing for Peace
April 22	12:30 p.m., CBS	Trans-Atlantic Call	San Francisco--the Conference City
April 23	10:30 p.m., Blue	World Peace Forum	Disc. with Sumner Welles and other selected well-known authorities
April 24	10:00 p.m., CBS	Memo to the Future	A Corwin Documentary

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NATIONAL CROP PROSPECTS are even better than they were a month ago according to the April 1 Crop Report. Hay crops and pastures have an excellent start. Ranges are a little late in the far West, but prospects appear favorable in nearly the whole range area. The winter wheat crop is now estimated at 863,000-000 bushels--a hundred million bushels above last December's prospects. The seeding of spring small grains appears fairly well advanced for the season in the main producing States. Stocks of feed grain and wheat on farms are at near-record level. (See USDA release 648-45).

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FOOD ALLOCATION WORK has been transferred from the Commodity Credit Corporation to the Office of the War Food Administrator. D. A. Fitzgerald, special advisor to the Administrator, will be responsible for functions pertaining to this work. He also is serving as chairman of the Food Requirements and Allocations Committee and of the Interagency Food Importation committee.

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MORE THAN 1,000 VETERANS had returned to jobs in the Department by April 1, reemployment having been at the rate of about 125 a month according to data just released by the Department's Office of Personnel.

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HEARINGS ON FAO ON APRIL 12. . . . Secretary Wickard and War Food Administrator Jones spoke in favor of this country's formal adoption of the Food and Agriculture Organization constitution at a hearing before the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on April 12. The March 31 Calendar listed the 18 countries that have tentatively accepted the FAO constitution. Since that time Liberia became the 19th country to signify its acceptance. Ratification by 20 countries is necessary to put FAO in operation.

Judge Jones, in speaking before the House committee said: "I think it would be fine if FAO could become the first functional organization for world security and betterment to go into operation in this war period. . . In the past," he said, "the paradox of surpluses in the midst of malnutrition and hunger--in our own country as well as in other areas of the world--has never actually been a surplus of food, when viewed in the light of human needs, but rather bad distribution and lack of purchasing power. The aim of the FAO is to help iron the kinks out of that problem and thereby help remove the hunger pangs from the stomachs of mankind."

Secretary Wickard gave a more detailed outline of FAO's aims and possible benefits to all peoples, farmers in particular. He pointed out that: "The strongest world police force that could be organized, and the best security arrangements that could be made, would not in themselves be enough to guarantee continued world peace. To keep the peace we must make the peace worth keeping. We must do more than strike down open aggression--we must to the greatest possible extent remove the causes of discontent and the conditions that invite aggression."

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EMERGENCY WHEAT STORAGE. . . . Difficulty of obtaining lumber suitable for the construction of permanent storage and prospects of a bumper wheat crop in the Plains States make it highly advisable to urge farmers to decide immediately whether they will build permanent or temporary storage and to take action toward securing the material. Farmers expecting to use lumber for farm storage should apply immediately to their County Triple-A Committee for Farmers' Lumber Certificates or to submit WPB-617 applications when the cost of the construction will exceed L-41 exemptions.

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SHALL I BE A FARMER? and other questions of the returning veterans such as--Where shall I farm? How much money do I need? What does the G. I. Bill of Rights allow me?--will be answered on the CONSUMER TIME SHOW, April 21, 12:15-12:30 p.m., EWT over NBC. Listeners will also hear about reliable sources of information on how to get started in farming. The April 28 show entitled "A Visit with a Neighbor" will be a pick-up from Puerto Rico, telling how food arrives on the island, what foods we are sending them, etc.

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OPA GIVES TIPS FOR CHECKING THE BLACK MARKET IN MEAT. . . . OPA is stressing ways in which consumers can help check the black market. In areas where meat is produced, they are being urged to realize why meat must be rationed, to pay no more than ceiling prices, and to pay ration points in full. In areas where meat is not produced, consumers are also asked to help relieve the meat shortage by adapting themselves to using less choice cuts.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . .April 9, the Senate passed a bill (not yet acted upon by the House) to continue a hops marketing order. April 10, the Senate passed a bill to continue the Lend-Lease Act for one year; this bill will now be sent to the President.

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WFA AND OPA ACT TO INCREASE PORK SUPPLY. . . . War Food Administrator Jones this week announced a 50-cent per hundredweight increase in the hog support price, effective immediately and to continue to September 1, 1946 He also announced a larger 1945 fall pig production goal of 37 million head--18 percent more than was raised last fall. At the same time Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced that there would be no reduction before September 1, 1946, in the ceiling prices for live hogs In his announcement, Judge Jones said: "Expected continuance of heavy demands for pork makes it advisable to maintain hog production at the highest possible level. As has been the case all through the war years, the 1945 fall pig production goal calls for the largest number for which it is safe to plan in view of prospective feed supplies. I am confident our farmers will set their sights to reach this new goal, continuing the record production which has meant so much to the war effort."

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE . . . . Coal for tobacco curing and poultry brooders--639; Re-employment of veterans in USDA--653; The proposed Food and Agriculture Organization (Testimony by Secretary Wickard before Committee on Foreign Affairs)--654; Hog support price raised, larger fall pig goal announced--655; The Food and Agriculture Organization (Testimony by Judge Jones before Foreign Affairs Commiteee)--657.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Provisions made for additional fuel oil rations for heating water--OPA-5462; Ceiling prices for privately-owned Western timber--OPA-T-3109; OPA announces appointment of new enforcement head--OPA-5477; Actions pertaining to prices of certain cotton fabrics--OPA-5470; "A" and "B" motorists may receive limited increases in gasoline rations after V-E day--OPA-5476; Regulation setting ceiling prices for butter modified to prevent evasions--OPA-T-3115; Increase in production of tire chains for farm tractors authorized- WPB-7656.

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HOME CANNING OF MEAT, No AWI-110, a 16-page booklet recently released, supersedes in part Farmers' Bulletin 1762, Home Canning of Fruits, Vegetables, and Meats. Directions for canning fruits and vegetables are contained in AWI-93, Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables which was mentioned in the March 24 Calendar. Some topics covered in AWI-110 are: Use a steam pressure canner; How to can poultry; How to can pork or other meat, raw pack; and a Canning timetable.Copies of either leaflet can be secured on request from the Office of Information.

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THE LATEST TIMELY FARM TOPICS PLATTER, recorded last Tuesday, devotes one side to "WHAT'S NEW IN ALFALFA," and the other to "WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE HIGH-GRADE HAY." The alfalfa story is voiced by Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars; the High-grade hay story, by W. H. Hosterman of WFA's Office of Marketing Services.

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YOUR HOME AND GARDEN show for April 14 was cancelled. On April 21 the show will go on as usual with Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars discussing "Beans for the Victory Garden" and Ruth Van Deman, something of interest to homemakers.

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